

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CONGRATULATING SISTER MARY ROSE CHRISTY ON RECEIVING THE JEFFERSON AWARD

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sister Mary Rose Christy on her recent receipt of the Jefferson Award and to thank her for her multiple contributions to not only the Bay Area community but also the international community. The Jefferson Award is given by the American Institute for Public Service, founded by Jacqueline Kennedy, Senators Robert Taft Jr. and Sam Beard. The award is considered the Nobel Prize for public and community service. I congratulate her on receiving this award, and I am proud that she resides in my Congressional district.

When Christy sees a need, she simply applies her talents to help solve the problem. Since becoming a registered nurse completing degrees in both social work and political science, Christy has been actively involved in helping the poor and underserved. In the 1950's and 1960's, Christy helped those in need by working in hospitals, speaking before state legislators, and creating community programs.

Mr. Speaker, after suffering back injuries, Christy continued her advocacy for the disadvantaged by writing letters to the editor. After recuperating, she began a development program in Burlingame, California before moving on again to El Salvador.

Christy's story of tireless work for the needs of others doesn't end in El Salvador. After seeing a television program that revealed the deplorable state of the Romanian orphanages, Christy decided she had to help. In 1991, she began her work in Romania. She started a new school, established a youth recreation program, and bettered the children's daily diet. Christy also addressed poverty, housing issues, and proper health care through more than a dozen programs that she established. She has also helped the community as a whole, increasing awareness on issues such as domestic violence, women's rights and other women's issues.

Mr. Speaker, not only has Christy improved the orphanages, but also she has reunited families, helping to solve the root problem. Christy's programs have assisted in reuniting more than 2,500 families. Now, less than 2 percent of the children that the association works with end up in orphanages. Since 1995, more than 2,000 children have been prevented from being abandoned or put into orphanages.

Christy's colleagues describe her as a determined activist with a huge heart. Her determination allows her to help many. She never takes no for an answer. Even though Christy's services have benefited thousands, she still praises the efforts of others, including those who have gone to help the Hurricane Katrina

victims on the gulf coast. Christy's humility is evident when she describes herself as just one American among many who has helped those in need. Christy is proud of America's tremendous willingness to serve others.

Sister Mary Rose Christy received this prestigious recognition for her activism and founding the nonprofit Romanian American Association for the Promotion of Health, Education and Human Services, ARAPAMESU, an organization that helps at-risk Romanian families, in Sibiu, Romania.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Sister Mary Rose Christy for her contributions at home and abroad. Her friends and colleagues have praised her for her selfless acts of service, and I hope the acknowledgement of this award will inspire others to devote more of their time to serving others.

### CONGRATULATING LOU DAWSON ON BEING INDUCTED TO THE COLORADO SKILL AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Lou Dawson on being inducted into the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame for 2005. Mr. Dawson's efforts have greatly impacted the lives of ski mountaineering enthusiasts for many years, and he deserves recognition for the many contributions he has made to his community.

Throughout his life, Dawson has demonstrated time and again that he is dedicated to being an inspiration and guiding light in backcountry skiing. While becoming the only person to ski all 54 of Colorado's Fourteeners, Dawson has also been an author of many books that help others enjoy Colorado's wilderness. His titles include Colorado High Routes, Colorado 10th Mountain Trails, Dawson's Guide to Colorado Backcountry Skiing, Dawson's Guide to Colorado's Fourteeners, Wild Snow, and Trooper Travers. He has contributed many articles to *Couloir* and *Climbing* magazines about his expertise and passion for the mountains, and his body of literature has enabled ski enthusiasts to more safely enjoy the backcountry. He has helped the world of ski enthusiasts by enhancing and developing safer and more effective mountaineering gear and equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our congratulations to Mr. Dawson for contributing to the safety of our ski community in far-reaching ways. I'm proud to honor his induction into the Colorado Ski Museum, Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2005 and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

### IN HONOR OF THE LEGACY AND LIFE OF CHARLES WHITMAN JONES

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and memory of Charles Whitman Jones, beloved husband and father, activist, scientist, educator and administrator, and friend and mentor to countless people, as his brilliant legacy is honored by Myers University of Cleveland, Ohio.

Armed with intelligence, educational achievement, integrity, motivation and a strong work ethic, Mr. Jones overcame the challenges of racial discrimination with grace and dignity. His vision for himself and for his family reflected joy in living, achievement and service to others and was a vision that would not be thwarted by the oppressive time of racial inequity in America.

The accomplishments of Charles Whitman Jones are many, varied and significant. He was named class valedictorian in high school, yet he was prohibited from giving the address because of his race. After high school, he received academic honors in both college and graduate school. Beyond his outstanding educational achievement, Mr. Jones was a superior athlete. He was awarded fourteen varsity letters during high school, and during college, he was a track, baseball and boxing champion. His outstanding baseball talent was such that he could have played in the Major Leagues, yet at that time, there was no possibility of his acceptance into a League exclusive to white players. Charles Whitman Jones was later inducted into the Meyers University Athletic Hall of Fame, and was named "Father of the Year"—just two of the many awards and honors bestowed upon Mr. Jones throughout his lifetime.

Following graduation from Ohio University, Mr. Jones was inducted into the United States Army. He was selected to become one of the elite Tuskegee Airmen, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Following his service in the Army, Mr. Jones worked as a teacher, then chemist at Standard Oil Company in Cleveland.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Diane, and together they raised their son, Peter. His commitment to others led him to leave Standard Oil to join Neighbors Organized for Action in Ohio (NOAH) as its executive director. This non-profit agency focused on constructing and providing decent and affordable housing for residents in the Hough area of Cleveland. Later, Mr. Jones was asked to join the administration at Myers University, where he served as Director of Admissions, Athletic Director, Director of Student Services, and Assistant to the President for Community Affairs.

Throughout his lifetime, Charles Whitman Jones consistently reached beyond the racial barriers of the day and held strong to his dream, purpose and focus his wife and son,

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